

### BEFORE THE UNITED STATES PAT

In re the patent application of

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#### **DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131**

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I, Joseph Gaikoski, the undersigned, declare and say that:

1. I am the applicant in the patent application identified above.

- 2. I conceived the idea for the invention described and claimed in the application in this country, the United States of America prior to August 14, 2003.
- 3. I reduced the invention to practice in this country, the United States of America prior to August 14, 2003.
- 4. My attorney, Robert Feiger and I met with Keith Heller of the U.S. Post Office on July 18, 2003 beginning at 1:00 pm, at the offices of the U.S. Post Office located at 8200 Brook River, Suite 509, Dallas, Texas. At that meeting, I disclosed the invention to Mr. Heller.

- 5. In an email correspondence from Helen G. Cannon of Mr. Feiger's office, dated July 22, 2003, she forwarded a summary of the proposal which had been presented to Mr. Heller in the meeting of July 18, 2003. A copy of that email and her attachment are attached to this Declaration.
- 6. I experimented with various boxes for use in the invention and variations of the invention for about a year prior to meeting with Mr. Heller on July 18, 2003.
- 7. To the best of my knowledge, the invention was not on sale or in public use in this country before the filing of the present patent application and was not patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country before the filing of the present patent application.
  - 8. The invention was never abandoned.

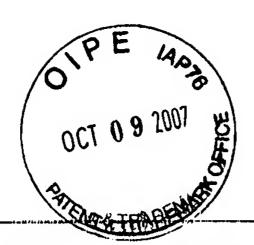
All statements made of my own knowledge are true. All statements made on information and belief, are believed to be true. I know that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also know that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued on the application.

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# "EZ-MAIL" By Amerisource/USPS

# - The future in pack and mail -

Objective - Provide postage prepaid consumer retail packaging that is product specific, and that is easy to use by the consumer at the retail store providing the merchandise.

Initial Concept- Target retailers merchandising DVD's or CD's for movies, video games, music and software which will offer Amerisource postage prepaid packaging to the consumer who can now purchase a gift item, pack it and mail via USPS all from the same retail location.

Retailer- Increase store sales by providing greater convenience to customers. Brick and mortar retail locations now become catalog outlets with Amerisource postage prepaid packaging.

Consumer – With this one-stop shopping-mailing method, an individual can purchase a DVD or CD as a gift for birthdays, a holiday or any other occasion, purchase one of two different size Amerisource prepaid postage boxes from the retail display located in the store, simply address and mail the gift via USPS from the same location or your home.

Revenue Increase revenue to USPS that is now diverted to competitors. Amerisource prepays for postage and the packaging and retails the P.O.P packaging at no cost to the USPS.

Packs- Initial packaging will consist of two sizes of postage prepaid boxes.

- A: Jewel Case CD or DVD for music, movies and games
  Dimensions 5 7/8" x 5 1/4" x 5/8" total weight with packaging 6 oz. \$ 1.43
  AmeriSource cost for postage
- B: Plastic Case CD or DVD for Xbox, Playstation or Game cube, and movies Dimensions 7 1/4" x 5 1/2" x 5/8" -total weight with packaging 8 oz. \$ 1.88 AmeriSource cost for postage.

Company Background-Amerisource Packaging, Inc., a Texas corporation, is a manufacturer and distributor of packaging, packaging materials and specialty advertising products and was founded in 1996. Its customer base includes, industrial manufacturers, multi-level marketing companies, service providers and consumer retail organizations.